Hello, my name is __________________________(first and last name). I'm on the staff of the Eagleton Poll, and I'm taking a public opinion survey of New Jersey adults for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on what New Jersey is like as a place to live and some topics currently in the news. We are not selling anything, not asking for money, and all your answers will be completely confidential.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all of your life?

1 Less than One  
2 One or Two  
3 3 - 5  
4 6 - 10  
5 11 - 20  
6 21 - 30  
7 More than 30  
8 All My Life  
9 Don't Know

2. How would you rate the job Christie Whitman is doing as Governor--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

1 Excellent  
2 Good  
3 Only Fair  
4 Poor  
9 Don't Know

C1. How would you rate the job Bill Clinton is doing as President--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

1 Excellent  
2 Good  
3 Only Fair  
4 Poor  
9 Don't know

C2. How closely have you been following news reports of Independent Council Kenneth Starr’s report on the sexual relationship between Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky--very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?

1 Very closely  
2 Fairly  
3 Not too  
4 Not at all  
9 Don’t know
C3. Has there been anything in the report that shocked or surprised you, or did you already know most of the story?

1 Shocked/surprised
2 Already knew
9 Don’t know/Refused

C4. How much do you think the Monica Lewinsky affair will hurt Clinton’s ability to be an effective president for the rest of his term—will this hurt him a lot, some, a little or not at all?

1 Lot
2 Some
3 A little
4 Not at all
9 Don’t know

C5. Do you think Bill Clinton lied under oath, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know

C6. Do you think Bill Clinton is truly sorry for what he did, or is he just saying that because he has to?

1 Truly sorry
2 Has to say so
9 Don’t know

C7A. Do you think Clinton should or should not resign as President?

1 Should
2 Should not
9 Don’t know

NEW WORDING FORM B
C7B. Would you like to see Clinton resign as President, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know

C8. Do you think the House of Representatives should begin impeachment proceedings against Clinton, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know
C9. What do you think would be the most appropriate action in this case: Should Clinton have to leave office, be censured by the Congress, or should there be no formal action taken?

1 Leave office
2 Censured
3 No action
9 Don’t know

C10. Overall in this matter, do you think the political process is working well, or are things pretty much out of control?

1 Working well
2 Out of control
3 Both (VOL)
9 Don’t know

CE11. I’m going to read you some people or groups who are involved in this matter--For each one please tell me if you think better of them, worse of them, or if your opinion hasn’t changed since the Starr report came out--FIRST ROTATE A THROUGH H)--Better, worse or no change -- |

A Bill Clinton?
B Hillary Clinton?
C Kenneth Starr?
D The news media?
E The political system as a whole?
F Al Gore?
G The Congress?
H Monica Lewinsky?

1 Better
2 Worse
3 No difference
9 Don’t know

C12. Is the Clinton--Lewinsky relationship something that you talk about with your friends, or not? IF YES, PROBE: Is that pretty often, occasionally or just once in a while?

1 Yes, pretty often
2 Yes, occasionally
3 Yes, once in a while
4 No
9 Don’t know

C13. Have you talked about this at work, haven’t you talked about it, or aren’t you currently working?
C14. Have these conversations included discussions of sex, or was this not talked about?
1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know

C15. When talking about the Clinton--Lewinsky relationship with a member of the opposite sex at work, do you feel very uncomfortable, a little uncomfortable, or not uncomfortable?
1 Very uncomfortable
2 A little uncomfortable
3 Not uncomfortable
9 Don’t know

CE1. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?
1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.PA1]
9 DON’T KNOW [Go to q.PA1]

CE2. As you may know, there is an election for Congress this year to the House of Representatives--Which of the following 3 types of information do you think would be most useful to you in deciding who to vote for: (READ ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3, ROTATED)?
1 WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND ON THE ISSUES
2 WHAT THE CANDIDATES ARE LIKE AS PEOPLE
3 WHICH CANDIDATE IS THE DEMOCRAT AND WHICH IS THE REPUBLICAN
4 Other (VOL)
5 None of the above (VOL)
6 Combination (VOL)
9 Don’t know

CE3A. What is the one issue would you most like to hear the candidates talking about in the district where you live (FIRST MENTION)?

CE3B. What is the one issue would you most like to hear the candidates talking about in the district where you live (SECOND MENTION)?

CE3C. What is the one issue would you most like to hear the candidates talking about in the district where you live (THIRD MENTION)?

CE4. I’m going to read you a list of issues and would like you to tell me how interested you would be in hearing the candidates for Congress discussing them--For each one I read please just tell me if you would
be VERY interested, SOMEWHAT interested, or NOT TOO INTERESTED--First (ROTATE ITEMS)
very, somewhat or not too interested -- |

D Welfare reform?
E Health care?
F Campaign Finance reform?
G Social security?
H Education?
I How the federal budget surplus should be used?
J Transportation--roads and mass transit?
K Protecting open spaces?
L Standards for impeaching the president?

1 Very interested
2 Somewhat interested
3 Not too interested
9 Don’t know/No response

CE5. Are there any other issues you would like to hear the candidates address--IF YES, What are they?

CE6. Has what is going on in Washington with the Lewinsky affair made you more likely to vote or less likely to vote in the election for Congress?

1 More likely
2 Less likely
3 No difference (VOL)
9 Don’t know

CE7. And as of now, do you plan to vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate running for Congress in your district?

1 Democratic
2 Republican
3 Other (VOL)
9 Undecided/Refused

CATI PROGRAMMING NOTE: PA1 SPLIT HALF PA1A FORM A ONLY; PA1B FORM B ONLY

FORM A ONLY
PA1A. We are interested in learning about times when people have attended a meeting or gotten together with other members of their community to try to deal with some public issue or problem--Examples of such issues could include local schools, zoning, safety or crime, an environmental concern, economic development, healthcare, social security or an upcoming election--Have you EVER attended a meeting or gotten together with other members of your community to talk about or try to solve a local, state or national problem of any kind?
PA1B  Have you EVER attended a meeting or gotten together with other members of your community to talk about or try to solve a local, state or national problem of any kind?

1 Yes
2 No [Go to q.E1]
9 Don’t know [Go to q.E1]

PA2  When was the last time you attended a meeting or gathering like this--was it in the last six months, the last 12 months, or longer than 12 months ago?

1 Last 6 months
2 Last 12 months [Go to q.E1]
3 Longer than 12 months ago [Go to q.E1]
9 Don’t know/can’t recall [Go to q.E1]

PA3. I’m going to read you some issues you might have been involved in--For each one I read please just tell me if you have or have not attended a meeting or group on it in the last 6 months -- |

A A local planning board, zoning board or council meeting in the community where you live?
B A meeting to discuss an environmental issue?
C An on-line meeting via computer to discuss a social or political issue?
D A meeting to discuss a school or educational issue?
E A meeting to discuss an issue related to your job or work?
F A meeting to discuss a political campaign issue or group?
G A meeting to discuss a racial issue?
H A meeting to discuss a crime or safety issue?

1 Have attended
2 Have not attended
9 Don’t know

E1. On a different topic, how closely do you follow what is going on in your local schools--very closely, somewhat, or not at all?

1 Very
2 Somewhat
3 Not at all
9 Don’t know

E2. In general, how would you rate the job the public schools are doing here in New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
E3. How would you rate the job that your local schools are doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 Excellent
2 Good
3 Only Fair
4 Poor
9 Don’t know

E4. Do you think your town or city spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on your local public schools?

1 Too much
2 Too little
3 About right
9 Don’t know

CATI PROGRAMMING NOTE--ROTATE ORDER OF E5A AND 5B:
ASK E5A FIRST AND EB 2ND ON FORM A; ASK E5B FIRST AND E5A 2ND ON FORM B

E5a. Only about 15 percent of voters turned out for the last school board election--Did you happen to vote in that election, or not?

1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know/can’t recall

E5b. Do you happen to recall in which month the last school board election was held--IF YES--What month was that?

1 Yes/April
2 No/Don’t know/can’t recall/wrong month

E6. Do you have school-aged children in your household--Kindergarten through High School--IF YES, PROBE: Is that grade school, High School or both?

1 Grade (includes Kindergarten)
2 High School
3 Both
4 NO [Go to q.DR1]
9 Don’t know [Go to q.DR1]

E7. Is that public school, private school, or both?
1 Public  
2 Private  
3 Both  
9 Don’t know

CATI PROGRAMMING NOTE:  
E8-10I SEQUENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ONLY (E7=1 or 3)

E8. Overall, would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of education your children are receiving--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: Is that very or somewhat (SATISFIED/DISSATISFIED)?

1 Very Satisfied
2 Somewhat Satisfied
3 Somewhat Dissatisfied
4 Very Dissatisfied
9 Don’t know

E9. Thinking back over the last few years, would you say the quality of education your children are receiving has been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

1 Better
2 Worse
3 Same
9 Don’t know

E10. Thinking about your child’s school, I would like you to grade how well it is doing in different areas--For each one I read please give it the letter grade A, B, C, D or F for failing--(IF DIFFERENT SCHOOLS/DIFFERENT KIDS, ASK ABOUT (ROTATED) (youngest/oldest) child--First, how about (READ FIRST ITEM) Would you give it an A, B, C, D or F -- |

A The quality of teachers?  
B The availability of extra curricular activities and sports?  
C The condition of physical facilities such as classrooms?  
D Your child’s physical safety?  
E The job the principal is doing running the school?  
F The size of classes?  
G The emphasis of the curriculum?  
H Teacher communication with parents?  
I The amount of attention to your child’s individual needs?

1 A
2 B
3 C
4 D
5 F
9 Don’t know
I’d like to ask you some questions about driving in New Jersey

DR1. In general would you describe most drivers in New Jersey as courteous or rude?

1 Courteous
2 Rude
9 Don’t know

DR2. Do you think drivers in New Jersey are generally safe, or are many of them careless?

1 Safe
2 Careless
9 Don’t know

DR3. Do most drivers obey the rules of the road, or do they try to bend the rules and get away with whatever they can?

1 Obey
2 Bend
9 Don’t know

DR4. Have you ever been given “the finger” or been “flipped off” by another driver?

1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know

DR5. And have you ever given the finger to or flipped off some other driver yourself?

1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know

DR6. As you may know, the speed limit was raised from 55 to 65 on parts of the Turnpike, Parkway and a few other roads in the state--In general do you approve or disapprove of this change?

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
9 Don’t know

DR7. And do you think that people travel at a faster speed since this change was made, or do people really not travel any faster than they used to?

1 Faster
2 Not faster
9 Don’t know

**CATI PROGRAM NOTE:** HOV QUESTIONS FILTER OUT SOUTH JERSEY (609 AREA CODE)
DR8 to DR11
Now I’d like to ask you some questions specifically about HOV or “HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE” lanes--An HOV is a special lane marked with a diamond and reserved for buses, cars and vans with a minimum number of passengers

DR8. Have you ever heard of these HOV lanes?

1 Yes
2 No/ Don’t know [Go to q.DR13]

DR9. Do you ever drive on roads that have HOV lanes--IF YES, PROBE: How often--every day, a few times a week or less often?

1 Every day
2 A few times a week
3 Less often
4 Don’t use them
5 Don’t know

DR10. Do you think these HOV lanes are a good idea or a bad idea?

1 Good Idea
2 Bad Idea
3 No opinion

DR11. Based on your own experience, do you think the HOV lanes have or have NOT been effective in reducing traffic congestion, or aren’t you sure?

1 Have
2 Have not
3 Don’t know/Not sure

DR12. Which do you think would be more effective at reducing congestion: keeping special lanes only for drivers with many passengers, or opening up these lanes to all drivers no matter how many passengers they have?

1 Keep as now
2 Open up to all
3 Don’t know/no opinion

ASK EVERYONE

DR13. What do you think should be the age at which new drivers in New Jersey should get an unrestricted license to drive at any time of the day, with or without passengers in the car: at 16, 17, 18, or over 18?

1 16
2 17
3 18
4 Over 18
9 Don’t know/care

DR15. Do you drive?

1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know [Go to q.DR1]

DR16. When driving in a car how often do you wear safety belts--always, most of the time, sometimes, only once in a while, or never?

1 Always
2 Most of the time
3 Sometimes
4 Once in a while
5 Never
9 Don’t know/drive

DR17. How serious a problem do you think drunk driving is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious?

1 Very serious
2 Somewhat Serious
3 Not too serious
9 Don’t know

CATI NOTE: IF DR15=2, SKIP DR18

DR18. While very few New Jerseyans drive while they are drunk, many tell us they occasionally drink while in their cars--Have you ever had a beer or other alcoholic beverage while you were driving--IF YES, PROBE: Have you done this at any time in the last 12 months?

1 Yes, and in last 12 months
2 Yes, but not in last 12 months
3 No
9 Don’t know/refused

DR19. Have you been a passenger in a car where the driver was drinking at any time in the last 12 months?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know/refused

SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY IP1-10
IP1. Now on another topic, would you say that your general impression of politicians is favorable or unfavorable--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: Would you say VERY favorable/unfavorable, or SOMEWHAT favorable/unfavorable?

1 Very Favorable
2 Somewhat Favorable
3 Somewhat Unfavorable
4 Very Unfavorable
9 No Opinion

IP2. Do you think that politicians here in New Jersey are better than those in other states, worse than others, or about the same?

1 Better
2 Worse
3 About the same
9 Don’t know

IP3. Do you think most people decide to GO INTO politics for public service reasons, or for personal gain?

1 Public Service
2 Personal Gain
3 Both (VOL)
9 Don’t know

IP4. Once in office, do you think politicians look out more for the interests of the public, or more for their own interests?

1 Public interest
2 Own interest
3 Both /Depends (VOL)
9 Don’t know

IP5. Do you feel that almost all politicians are smart people who usually know what they are doing, or do quite a few of them NOT know what they are doing?

1 Know what they are doing
2 Don’t know what they are doing
3 Some do/some don’t/Depends (VOL)
9 Don’t know

IP6. When deciding what should be done, how much attention do you think most politicians pay to the people who elected them--a good deal, some, or not very much?

1 Good deal
IP7. Corrupt politicians get more press attention than others, so it’s hard to tell how many are really corrupt--Out of 10 politicians, how many would you guess to be corrupt?

Code actual number 0 through 10. 99=Don’t know; 98=Refusal

98 Refusal
99 Don’t know

IP8. Do you think politicians are more corrupt than people in other occupations, less corrupt, or is there really no difference?

1 More
2 Less
3 No Difference
9 Don’t know

IP9. Do you think that politicians here in New Jersey are more corrupt than those in other states, less corrupt, or is there no difference?

1 More corrupt
2 Less corrupt
3 No difference
9 Don’t know

IP10. I’m going to read you a list of traits that different candidates for office have--Please just tell me if you think each would make you MORE likely to vote for the person, LESS likely, or make no difference--First (READ FIRST, ROTATE) More likely, less or no difference-- |

A Experience in business?
B A background as a lawyer?
C Being wealthy?
D Being an outsider with no experience in politics?
E Being a woman?
F Having experience in politics?
G Being the incumbent in office running for re-election?
H Being a minority?

ASK ALL
Now I have some questions about baseball.

BB1. Have you gone to a MINOR league baseball game in New Jersey this year, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
BB2. Would you call yourself a fan of any of the major league teams in the area--the Phillies, Mets or Yankees -- | RECORD ALL MENTIONED

A Phillies?  
B Mets?  
C Yankees?  

1 Yes  
2 No/Don’t know  

BB3. There has been some talk recently about the possibility of the Yankees coming to New Jersey--How active should state government be in helping build a stadium and attract the Yankees--should it be very involved, somewhat involved, or should it not get involved at all?  

1 Very  
2 Somewhat  
3 Not involved  
9 Don’t know  

BB4. Would you favor or oppose the Yankees moving to New Jersey if no tax money was used to build the stadium?  

1 Favor  
2 Oppose [Go to q.BB7]  
3 Don’t know/care  

BB5. And would you favor or oppose this if a new stadium was built on public land, but taxpayers did not pay any of the cost to build the stadium?  

1 Favor  
2 Oppose [Go to q.BB7]  
3 Don’t know/care  

BB6. And would you favor or oppose this if public tax dollars were needed to build the new stadium?  

1 Favor  
2 Oppose  
3 Don’t know/care  

BB7. If the Yankees were to move to New Jersey do you think it would have a positive or negative impact on the state’s image, or would it make no difference?  

1 Positive
BB8. If the New York Yankees moved to New Jersey do you think they should change their name to the New Jersey Yankees, or should they keep their name the same?

1 New Jersey  
2 New York  
9 Don’t know/care

FORM B ONLY SN1-10  
Now I have some questions that will give us a better idea of some of the things people in New Jersey have or do.

S1. Do you have an ATM card that you use at a bank?

1 Yes  
2 No/Don’t know

S2. Do you have cable or a satellite dish for your TV, or both?

1 No/Neither  
2 Cable only  
3 Satellite only  
4 Both  
9 Don’t know

S3. Do you have a VCR in your house--IF YES: How many are in working order?

______Code actual number  
8 8 or more  
9 Don’t know/refused

S4. How many television sets do you have in your home?

______Code actual number  
8 8 or more  
9 Don’t know/refused

S5. Are you a regular smoker--Do you currently smoke 5 or more cigarettes a day?

1 Yes  
2 No/Don’t know

S6. Do you have a cellular phone that you can take places with you?--this is different from a cordless phone in your house?
S7. Have you been to a bar for a drink at any time in the last 7 days?
1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know

S8. Are you currently reading a book, or aren’t you reading one right now?
1 Reading
2 Not reading now/Don’t know [Go to q.S9]

S8A. Is it fiction or non-fiction?
1 Fiction
2 Non-fiction
3 Both
9 Don’t know

S9. Have you cooked a meal for yourself or your family in the last 7 days?
1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know

S10. Do you read a newspaper on an every-day basis?
1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know

Now just a few final questions so we can classify your answers.
D1. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?
1 Democrat [Go to q.D2]
2 Republican [Go to q.D2]
3 Independent
4 Something Else/Other
9 Don’t know/No opinion

(IF #3,4, OR 5 TO Q. D1, ASK)
D1A. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?
1 Democratic party
2 Republican party
3 Other party
4 Neither
9 Don't know/no opinion

D2. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

1 Liberal
2 Conservative
3 Somewhere in between
4 Other
9 Don’t know/No opinion

D3. Which of the following BEST describes the place where you now live: READ OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 4 ?

1 A large city
2 A suburb near a large city
3 A small city or town
4 A rural area
9 Other/Don’t know/refused

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know [Go to q.D6]

D5. Did you ever attend college--IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate?

1 Yes, graduated
2 Yes, did not graduate [Go to q.d6]
3 Junior college--graduate [Go to q.d6]
4 Vocational/technical school [Go to q.d6]
5 No [Go to q.d6]

D5A. Was this from a 4 year college, a junior college two year program, or a vocational/technical school?

1 Four year college
2 Junior college/2 year program
3 Vocational/technical school
4 Other/Don’t know

D6. Are you married, living as married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

1 Married
2 Living as married
3 Widowed
4 Divorced
5 Separated
D7. What was your age on your last birthday?

/ / / /  (CODE # OF YEARS, 99 = REFUSED)
99 REFUSED

D7a. [IF REFUSED IN D7, ASK:] Is it between?

1 18 - 20
2 21 - 24
3 25 - 29
4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
7 60 - 64
8 65 OR OVER
9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

D8. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

1 Yes
2 No/Don’t know

D9. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

1 White
2 Black
3 Asian
4 Other
9 Not determined

D10. In what county do you live?

1 Atlantic
2 Bergen
3 Burlington
4 Camden
5 Cape May
6 Cumberland
7 Essex
8 Gloucester
9 Hudson
10 Hunterdon
11 Mercer
D11. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: Under 35,000; between $35,000 to just under $70,000; between $70,000 to just under $100,000; or $100,000 or more?

1 UNDER $35,000 [Go to q.D12A]
2 $35,000 TO $69,999 [Go to q.D12B]
3 $70,000 TO $100,000 [Go to q.D13]
4 $100,000 OR MORE [Go to q.D13]
9 DON’T KNOW [Go to q.D13]

D12A. Is that: under $20,000; $20,000-$30,000, or over $30,000?

1 Under $20,000
2 $20,000-$30,000
3 OVER $30,000
9 DON’T KNOW

D12B. Is that: $35,000 to $50,000 or over $50,000?

1 $35,000 TO $50,000
2 OVER $50,000
9 DON’T KNOW

D13. How many DIFFERENT telephone numbers for incoming calls reach this household--this does not include those lines are ONLY used for fax machines and computers?

1 One
2 Two
3 Three
4 Four or more
9 Don’t know/Refused

D14. Thanks--You've been very helpful--The results of the poll will be released in the Newark Star-Ledger--Sometimes we need to recontact people to ask verify that this interview took place, or someone writing up the results may want to know more about how you feel--Would it be okay for us to recontact you if necessary--IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?
1 YES ----> RECORD NAME:
2 NO